

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
  
Martin Oft, *et al.*  
  
Application No.: 10/797,157  
  
Filed: March 9, 2004  
  
For: USES OF IL-23 AGONISTS AND  
ANTAGONISTS; RELATED  
REAGENTS

Examiner: D. Jiang  
  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 2, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendment and response. A petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time to reply from November 2, 2006 to December 2, 2006, accompanies this response. Reconsideration is respectfully considered.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.